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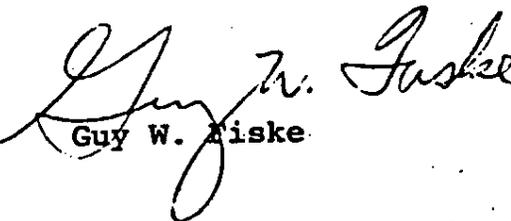
Mr. Robert M. Gates
Deputy Director for Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Mr. Gates:

In recent weeks I have been privileged to receive further briefings by knowledgeable analysts from your Directorate. An informative presentation on political and economic affairs in the USSR was given by [redacted] of the Office of Soviet Analysis. [redacted] from the Office of East Asian Analysis provided a similar stimulating briefing on China, which in this case included a discussion of technological developments there. [redacted]

I am very grateful to all of these fine officers for sharing their time and expertise with me and would appreciate it if you would convey my thanks to each of them. Their sessions with me and my senior staff assistants are but one example of the valuable support this Department receives from the Directorate of Intelligence.

Sincerely,


Guy W. Fiske